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1. REF A STATES THAT A HOLD ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA IS IN EFFECT. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT THE HOLD IS NOT TO BE PROJECTED TO EPMG.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE MAJOR PROJECTED SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER AND IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING AS ACTIVITIES WHICH, IF NOT CONSUMMATED, COULD QUICKLY PROJECT TO THE EPMG THAT A HOLD IS IN EFFECT:

A. M-60 TANK MTT. THIS MTT WAS PROCURED IN FMS CASH CASE OAA AND THE EPMG KNOWS IT IS DUE TO ARRIVE ETHIOPIA NST 3 DEC AND NLT 9 DEC. ITS ARRIVAL HAS BEEN PLACED IN HOLD BY REF B. THE DELAY OF THIS MTT WILL BE HARD TO EXPLAIN WITHOUT LEAVING SOME IDEA IN THE EPMG'S MIND THAT A HOLD IS IN EFFECT. WE SUBMIT THAT THE ISSUE OF GOOD FAITH (WHICH AUTOMATICALLY INVOLVES OUR CREDIBILITY AND INTERESTS INTEGRITY) IS CONSPICUOUSLY

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INVOLVED IN THIS CASE, SINCE THIS IS A CASH CASE (WITH

PAYMENT ALREADY MADE) TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL TRAINING SUPPORT FOR 11 EACH M-60 TANKS PROCURED BY FMS CREDIT AND INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNTRY ON 8 SEP. THESE TANKS CAN MAKE LITTLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF PROGRAMMED TRAINING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MTT. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS MTT ARRIVE IN COUNTRY NLT 9 DEC 74.

B. SPECIAL TOOLS AND TOOL SETS TO SUPPORT M-109 MTT. GOOD FAITH ALSO APPEARS TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE. THE M-109 MTT ARRIVED ON 10 NOV. THE SPECIAL TOOLS AND TOOL SETS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE MTT EFFORT WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NLT 10 DEC. IF THESE TOOLS DON'T ARRIVE BY ABOUT THAT DATE, THE MTT, WHICH IS AN FMS CASH CASE, CAN NOT BE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED. AT THAT POINT, CHMAAG WOULD HAVE TO SERIOUSLY ENTERTAIN RECOMMENDING THAT THE MTT BE SENT HOME TO RETURN WHEN THE SPECIAL TOOLS AND TOOL SETS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE DELIVERY OF THESE TOOLS BE EXPEDITED.

C. PRIMERS FOR M-109. A LETTER OF OFFER (CASE UBA) HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON FOR THESE ITEMS. IF THESE ITEMS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY ABOUT 15 JANUARY, THE M-109 MTT CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY USED. CURRENTLY, ACCEPTANCE OF THIS OFFER IS CAUGHT UP IN EPMG FOOT-DRAGGING. HOWEVER, AS A MATTER OF GOOD FAITH, IF THE OFFER IS ACCEPTED, STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IT BE CONSUMMATED.

D. ITO'S FOR STUDENT TRAINING. THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURES FOR DECEMBER OF ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES (EAF) STUDENTS FOR GRANT AID TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES ARE TWO STUDENTS ON 21 DECEMBER, AND FIVE STUDENTS ON 28 DEC. ANY CANCELLATION OF THESE ITO'S WILL BE EXTREMELY HARD TO EXPLAIN.

E. REQUISITION FOR F5 TIRES. A REQUISITION WAS SUBMITTED IN OCTOBER FOR F5 TIRES. ON 21 NOV, A FOLLOW-UP WAS SUBMITTED ON GROUNDS THAT SUPPLY LEVEL WAS DOWN TO
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FIVE TIRES. CURRENTLY, THE SUPPLY LEVEL IS DEPLETED. IF THESE TIRES ARE NOT DELIVERED, WE CAN ANTICIPATE NO GROUNDING FOR TIRES THIS WEEK OR NEXT. LACK OF RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED NO REQUISITION (IN FACT, ANY NO REQUISITION) WOULD BE HARD TO EXPLAIN.

F. SUPPLY STATUS INFORMATION. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IF SUPPLY STATUS INFORMATION FLOWS TO THE EAF

CONCERNING CANCELLATIONS OF REQUISITIONS, ET CETERA, SOONER OR LATER THEY WILL DEFINITELY REALIZE THAT A HOLD IS IN EFFECT. USMAAG INTENDS TO TEMPORARILY HOLD ALL SUCH DOCUMENTS WHICH COME THROUGH IT; HOWEVER, FMS DOCUMENTATION IS BEING SENT DIRECT TO EAF ELEMENTS. RECOMMEND THAT ALL SUPPLY STATUS DOCUMENTATION FOR THE EAF INDICATING A HOLD BE HELD TEMPORARILY AT POINTS OF ORIGIN.

G. ARRIVAL OF MS THUNDERBIRD. THE EPMG KNOWS THAT THIS SHIP, CHARTERED BY ZIM LINES, HAIFA, ISRAEL IS DUE TO ARRIVE ASSAB ON 11 DEC 74 WHICH TWENTY-FIVE GRANT AID VEHICLES, 10 EACH 5 TON TRACTORS, AND 15 EACH 21/2 TON TRUCKS. THIS IS A HIGH INTEREST EVENT; HOWEVER, A COVER STORY PROJECTING ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY WOULD PROBABLY KEEP ITS NON-ARRIVAL FROM APPEARING SIGNIFICANT.

H. TIME COMPLIANCE TECHNICAL ORDER (TCTO). USMAAG IS IN RECEIPT OF ONE SUCH ORDER CONCERNING INNER GEAR DOOR LOCK ON T-33, RECEIVED 27 NOV 74 FROM SACRAMENTO ALC, WITH A 10 DAY SUSPENSE.. THIS HEAD-QUARTERS HAS NOT YET CONTACTED THE EAF CONCERNING THIS ORDER. IF WE DID DIRECT THE EAF TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER, THEY PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY PARTS TO ACCOMPLISH IT. IF THEY REQUESTED THE PARTS VIA NORS AND THE REQUISITION WERE NOT HONORED, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN. IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED USE OF THE T-33, UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE, CHMAAG INTENDS TO DELAY COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ORDRR.

I. DELIVERY OF REPLACEMENT POWER UNIT FOR AN/TSQ-106 RADAR POWER UNIT (PU-712). EAF IS AWARE THAT THIS POWER
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UNIT IS ENROUTE TO ETHIOPIA. THE HORRABLE RECORD OF US SUPPORT OF THIS RADAR TO DATE PROVIDES AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHMAAG TO COVER ANY DELAY OF THIS ITEM ON ADMINISTRATIVE GROUNDS. HOWEVER, THE DELAY IN ITS DELIVERY WILL CERTAINLY REDUCE OUR CREDIBILITY TO SUPPORT THIS RADAR IN THE EYES OF THE EAF, AND INCREASE THE ALREADY ALMOST INSUPERABLE CHALLENGE TO THE USMAAG TO INSTILL EAF CONFIDENCE IN THE REALIABILITY OF THE ITEM.

J. SCHEDULED OVERDUE CALIBRATION SUPPORT BY PIRMASEN ARMY DEPOT (PAD). THE EAR IS AWARE THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH PAD TO PROVIDE OVERDUE CALIBRATION SUPPORT DURING DECEMBER. SUBJECT TO ANTICIPATED RECEIPT OF AUTHORITY AND FUND CITE, THE TARGET DATE FOR SHIPPING ITEMS OF CONCERN WITH ONE

ETHIOPIAN ESCORT TECHNICAL IS 6 DEC. WHILE THIS
IS A HIGH INTEREST ACTION, CHMAAG FEELS HE CAN EXPLAIN
ANY DELAY OF LESS THAN ONE MONTH ON ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUNDS.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

4. CHMAAG CONCERNS.
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